

Remarks

Claims 29, 30, 35, 37, 40, 41, and 43 were withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a nonelected species. However, these claims will be entitled to consideration upon allowance of a generic claim, such as Claim 25 and/or Claim 34.

Claims 25 to 27, 31 to 34, 36, 38, 39, 42, and 44 to 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, "because the specification, while being enabling for the stabilizer compounds in the examples, does not reasonably provide enablement for the multitude of stabilizer compounds of claims 25 or 44, from which the remaining claims depend."

In an effort to resolve this one remaining rejection, Applicant has canceled subject matter from Claims 25 and 44. The canceled subject matter includes all the groups that contain phosphorus, tin, silicon, or boron. It is believed that the remaining subject matter is within the normal range of equivalents that is permitted in chemical patents.

If the Examiner will compare the subject matter of Claims 25 and 44 to the subject matter of Claim 47, which was allowed, he will see that the additional subject matter included in Claims 25 and 44 are those organic groups that are well-known to function in the same manner as the allowed organic groups. Claim 25 does include "X" being a triple bond, but Applicant's Example 9 is an example where the stabilizer had a triple bond.

Also, because Claims 25 and 44 have been significantly narrowed, the claims that depend from those claims are also much narrower and should easily comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112. Applicant notes that Claim 28, which depended from Claim 25, was allowed, and that many of the remaining dependent claims should comply with 35

U.S.C. 112 at least as adequately as Claim 28 does.

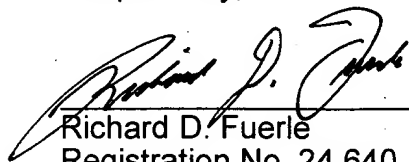
As the Examiner notes, Applicant has submitted a Declaration that gives numerous citations to the literature to show that the claimed compounds can be made without undue experimentation by a person skilled in the art. The Declaration also gives sources where some of the compounds can be purchased. While the Examiner questions the adequacy of the Declaration, the statements made therein must be accepted as true unless the Examiner is able to show that they are not true.

Claim 42 was rejected because "the stabilizers in claim 42 are not consistent with the structures of claim 25." Applicant has amended Claim 42 by adding " R_4 " to the formulas to make them consistent with the formulas in Claim 25.

Applicant notes that Claims 47 and 48 have been allowed and that Claim 28 would be allowed in placed in independent form. Claim 28 has been placed in independent form and therefore should also be allowed.

While Applicant believes that this amendment places all the claims in the application in condition for allowance, if the Examiner has any remaining problems with the application, he is invited to call Applicant's attorney at (716) 774-0091 to resolve them.

Respectfully,



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